

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on February 27, 2006 included a restriction requirement, requiring the Applicant to elect between the following groupings of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-5 and 13-18; and

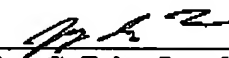
Group II: Claims 6-12.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Nonetheless, in order to further prosecution and allowance of the application, Applicants have elected Group I corresponding to claims 1-5 and 13-18. Claims 6-12 are withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or remark. This amendment does not require any amendment of inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below, if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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